(c) whether the governments of foreign countries have ascribed the faulty labour policy of the Government of India as the main reasons for the shortfall in the investment; and

(d) if so, whether Government are being pressurized for this?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Legislation for Agricultural Workers

3175. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the number of agricultural workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to evolve a consensus among States to bring an umbrella legislation for agricultural workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) According, to Census 2001, there are about 10.7 crore agricultural workers in the country. The state-wise details are enclosed as Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) A proposal of enactment of a comprehensive legislation for agricultural workers has been under consideration of the Government in a long time. The Government have taken several initiatives to evolve a consensus among the States for enactment of proposed legislation. This was discussed at various fora i.e. Indian Labour Conference, State Labour Ministers Conference, all party meetings with CTUs, Employers' Organisation, NGO etc. Still, there are divergent views of the State Governments on the proposed legislation.

Statement

Legislation for Agricultural Workers

SI. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Number of Agricultural Labourers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13818754
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	18569
3.	Assam	1289902
4.	Bihar	13527884
5.	Chhattisgarh	3088216
6.	Goa	36150
7.	Gujarat	4987657
8.	Haryana	1276143
9.	Himachal Pradesh	92761
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	248577
11.	Jharkhand	2861939
12.	Karnataka	6209153
13.	Kerala	1653601
14.	Madhya Pradesh	7380878
15.	Maharashtra	11290945
16.	Manipur	120991
17.	Meghalaya	172975
18.	Mizoram	27494
19.	Nagaland	33852
20.	Orissa	5001075
21.	Punjab	1498976
22.	Rajasthan	2529225
23.	Sikkim	16939
24.	Tamil Nadu	8665020
25.	Tripura	278334
26.	Uttar Pradesh	13604812
27.	Uttaranchal	258752
28.	West Bengal	7350988
29.	A&N Islands	5092
30.	Chandigarh	387
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	14743
32.	Delhi	13559
33.	Daman & Diu	1287
34.	Lakshadweep	0
35.	Pondicherry	72095